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16 January 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director/OSA

SUBJECT : Request from DD/I for a Current Schedule Containing Pre-Operational Information Concerning Ultra-Sensitive Overhead Reconnaissance Projects

**REFERENCES : (A) My Memo for the Record dtd 8 Jan 63
Subj: As Above
(B) Memo frm C/Intell Staff/OSA dtd
15 Jan 63, SC-01893-63, Subj:
Information Relative to OSA Projects**

1. Proposal:

The Office of the DD/I has requested that OSA make available to DD/I a current schedule of operational information pertaining to several ongoing overhead reconnaissance projects. The schedule would include:

- a. Project name
- b. Mission number
- c. Authorization (e.g., special group, 12 Dec 62)
- d. Date planned and area or angle
- e. Go date
- f. Recovery date
- g. Comments (re degree of success of mission)
- h. Photography

- (1) Date to processors
- (2) Date to analysts
- (3) Date to consumer



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2. Need for Information:

The information is desired by the DD/I or his alternate to place him in a position to be able to effectively brief the DCI on the status of these operations.

3. Sensitivity of Information:

The chart would contain information pertaining to I, C, A, [redacted] BRASSKNOB, [redacted] and I would presume "C" when it goes. Speaking for the OSA projects thereon, the pre-operational information individually should be classified Top Secret, plus the [redacted] indicator. Also, I understand, the SI holddown control will apply to that type of information. Putting such information on several of these projects on one consolidated form makes the results a most highly classified, most sensitive schedule. Unauthorized access to this "war room" type of consolidation could well result in grievous harm to the Nation.

4. Availability of Information to Officials requiring it:

The information consolidated on the chart is made available to officials of OSA, the DD/R and the DCI since they must know to run the operations, approve the operations or secure approval of higher authority. The hard rule has been that persons who do not require to know this pre-operational information to contribute to the success of these vital programs are not advised. Certainly a consolidated summary of such vital information is made available, from the Security standpoint, very reluctantly, and only on the strictest justifications.

5. Conclusion:

The desired information is made available at the present time to the DD/R and the DCI. If the purpose of

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the present request is to provide the DCI a quick and current picture, it is recommended that arrangements be made to provide such a consolidation only to the DD/R, the manager of the programs, and the appropriate staff officer in the DCI's Office both of whom receive this data on a "piece-meal" basis now. Unless further justification is received, I strongly recommend against making the ultra-sensitive consolidation available to the DD/I for the understood purpose.

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